

Safeguarding Children and Young People Declaration – 2024

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (ICHT) is committed to the protection and safeguarding of all patients, including unborns, children and young people. ICHT works closely with multi-agency partners to ensure that the outcomes for children are improved by having robust safeguarding children arrangements in place.

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust meets statutory requirements in relation to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. All staff employed at the Trust undergo a DBS check prior to employment. Checks are enhanced or standard depending on the role. All roles providing patient care are subject to an enhanced check, with checking against the barred lists (adults, children or both) as appropriate.

The Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust Safeguarding Children & Young People policies and systems are up to date and are reviewed on a regular basis.

The Trust has a policy and process in place for following up children who are not brought into outpatient appointments within any specialty to ensure their care and wellbeing is not compromised. In addition, the Trust has a system in place for flagging children who are subject to a child protection plan from the four neighboring boroughs and have implemented the Child Protection Information System (CP-IS).

All eligible staff undertake relevant safeguarding children training and this is regularly reviewed to ensure that it is up to date. The Trust has a robust training policy in place with regard to delivering safeguarding children training. In order to ensure the voice of the child is heard and decisions are made around the children safeguarding supervision is undertaken with key professionals.

Safeguarding Children Team

The Safeguarding Children and Young People Team comprises of a Consultant Nurse, Named Nurse, Named Midwife, Named Doctor, clinical nurse specialists, safeguarding midwives and administrators. They are clear about their roles and responsibilities and receive appropriate support and training to undertake their roles. They work a Monday to Sunday service. They are fully integrated with Safeguarding adults and domestic abuse/modern slavery services as well as the Learning Disability/Autism team and Redthread.

Executive Director Lead for Safeguarding Children and Young People

The Director of Nursing is the Trust Executive Lead for Safeguarding Children and Young People and ensures that the Trust Board fulfils its corporate responsibility and continues to provide direction in relation to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People within ICHT.

The Deputy Director of Nursing – Empowerment and Inclusion chairs the ICHT Safeguarding Committee which reports to the Trust Board on safeguarding. The Trust Board takes the issue of safeguarding extremely seriously and receives an annual report on Safeguarding issues and achievements. The minutes of all public Trust Board meetings where safeguarding has been discussed can be found at

<http://www.imperial.nhs.uk/aboutus/ourorganisation/boardmeetings/index.html>

The vision of safeguarding “is to achieve the best possible outcomes for unborns, children and adults at risk through ensuring that their voices are heard, and that early intervention ensures their safety and wellbeing. This will be achieved through effective, united multi agency team working and regular supervision.